

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005, no claims have been cancelled, amended or added. Claims 1-33 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application is requested.

II. Prior Art Rejections

On page (2) of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bruno et al., "Exploiting Statistics on query expressions for optimization," ACM SIGMOD 2002, June 4-6, Madison, Wisconsin (Bruno). On page (3) of the Office Action, claims 3-11, 14-22, and 25-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Bruno in view of Bello et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,496,819 (Bello).

Applicant's attorney respectfully traverses these rejections. Specifically, Applicant's attorney submits that Bruno is not a prior art reference, since it is dated June, 2002, and this application is a continuation of a parent utility application filed on September 26, 2000, which claims the benefit of a parent provisional application filed on December 22, 1999. Consequently, Applicant's attorney requests that the rejections based on Bruno be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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